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SUBJECT: STATEMENTS DEPLORING SHOTS FIRED AT SMUN

FOLLOWING ARE STATEMENTS ISSUED APRIL 2 BY MAYOR ABRAHAM
BEAME OF NEW YORK CITY AND STANLEY LOWELL, CHAIRMAN OF
NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SOVIET JEWRY, ON APRIL 2 SMUN
SHOOTING INCIDENT. BOTH WERE TRANSCRIBED BY PHONE AND
MAY VARY SLIGHTLY FROM TEXTS AS DELIVERED.

A) BEAME STATEMENT:

THE SENSELESS, INEXCUSABLE ACT OF VIOLENCE THIS MORNING
AT THE SOVIET MISSION IS A MISGUIDED ACTION WHICH THIS CITY
AND ITS CITIZENS CANNOT TOLERATE.

THIS AND OTHER ACTS OF TERRORISM MUST BE CONDEMNED AND
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THOSE RESPONSIBLE BROUGHT TO JUSTICE. I HAVE ASSURED

SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER, WHO WAS IN COMMUNICATION WITH MY OFFICE THIS MORNING, THAT THE CITY OF NEW YORK WILL SPARE NO EFFORT IN SEEKING OUT THOSE INVOLVED IN THIS MORNING'S INCIDENT, AND I HAVE TOLD POLICE COMMISSIONER MICHAEL J. CODD TO TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO PREVENT FURTHER OCCURRENCES OF TERRORISM. END OF STATEMENT

B) LOWELL STATEMENT:

I AM SHOCKED AND DISMAYED AT THE RECENT REPORTS OF A SHOOTING AT THE SOVIET UNITED NATIONS MISSION EARLY THIS MORNING, ALLEGEDLY BY MEMBERS OF THE JEWISH ARMED RESISTANCE. THE MISGUIDED INDIVIDUALS WHO CONTINUE SUCH ACTIONS MUST BEAR THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR SOVIET RETALIATION WITHIN ITS OWN BORDERS. MANY SOVIET JEWS, PRESENTLY WAITING FOR EXIT VISAS, HAVE EXPRESSED THEIR PERSONAL DISMAY OVER THESE VIOLENT TACTICS AND THE INTIMIDATION OF SOVIET DIPLOMATS.

TERRORIST ACTS CAN ONLY HURT THE CAUSE OF SOVIET JEWS PETITIONING FOR THE RIGHT TO FREE EMIGRATION, AS WELL AS CULTURAL AND RELIGIOUS RIGHTS IN THE SOVIET UNION AS GUARANTEED BY SOVIET AND INTERNATIONAL LAW.

WE CANNOT ACCEPT AN IMMORAL DEED COMMITTED IN THE NAME OF A HIGHER MORALITY. AS WE HAVE LEARNED, IT IS THE TOTALITARIAN MODE WHICH BELIEVES THAT THE END JUSTIFIES THE MEANS. THOSE WHO CONTINUE THESE TACTICS AND THEIR SUPPORTERS ACCOMPLISH NOTHING. KISSINGER

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